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BUMBLING ALONG

During World War II the question was often asked why Hitler did not try to bomb Washington. The standard answer, which is now a cornball, was the reply that the last thing Hitler wanted was to end all the confusion.

There is something of a parallel in Washington today. After all the civilian defense planning, air-raid warning work, official announcements, etc., Washington is apparently almost totally unprepared for an air raid.

The national capital, of course, would be one of the targets in a new war—it must be assumed. Nevertheless, there is no agreement among government officials in Washington on what should be done in case of an air raid. And last November a comic situation developed, which shows just how tragic a raid on the national capital might be. Telephone workers, repairing telephone lines adjoining the air raid system lines, triggered thirteen Washington sirens—which gave the signal for evacuation. After all the years of talk, organization and endeavor, when this evacuation signal came, hardly anyone paid any attention to it. Workers in a couple of government buildings went to shelters, but most of the officials and employees in Washington went about their business and ignored the noise. Unfortunately, this is probably what would happen in case of an air raid.

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EXIT JOE MARTIN

The replacement of Representative Joe Martin as leader of the Republicans in the House of Representatives came as a surprise to many veteran observers in Washington. For twenty years Joe Martin had been the leader of the Republicans in the House, and he was considered something of a fixture—as is Sam Rayburn, leader of the Democrats and now Speaker of the House.

Martin was replaced by Representative Charles A. Halleck, of Indiana, who is some sixteen years his junior. Halleck was a Floor leader under Martin in the Republican Congresses of recent years. He had been mentioned as a possible challenger on past occasions by Republicans in the House, but, for several reasons, never actively campaigned against Martin.

The significance in Martin's replacement this years seems to be that the Administration apparently turned against the 74-year-old Massachusetts veteran. Martin seems to feel that he was too independent to suit the Administration. Conceding Martin's independence, one must admit that his Republican colleagues dealt with him in rather brutal fashion. He was stripped of every high office he held, including the chairmanship of the Republican Policy Committee, a post of considerable power. It seems a little harsh, in view of Martin's long service, to strip him entirely of all his high-ranking posts, and the completeness of the action was something of a surprise.

The only conclusion is that "politics" can be a rough game.

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SELF-CONTROL AND HAPPINESS

The peace and happiness of the average citizen does not depend upon the amount of money he or she possesses, the number of organizations to which he or she belongs, or the outcome of any great social struggle. The contentment that makes for human happiness is within the reach of every individual who is able to face life with a philosophy that solves personal problems. The acceptance and practice of religious tenets often provides the answer, whether these religious beliefs are adopted as an individual or as a member of some religious organization. The capacity of the individual for self-control, is a real key to happiness and contentment. It is a product that you cannot buy, or receive as a gift.

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TIME — YOUR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION

Did you ever stop and try to think of the most valuable thing on earth? Is it a diamond? Is it gold? Some say it would be power, riches, or friends. You might think it would be love. Certainly faith and love, which are tied closely together, are the greatest virtues, of which there are many—like unselfishness, sincerity, kindness, etc. But what is the most valuable? Dismissing faith, which transcends all else, of course, what is there left more valuable than anything else? What is worth more than anything—other than faith?

Time. Time's the most valuable thing you own. The amount of it you have left may depend on you. A strange thing about time is that rich people cannot buy it. They can sometimes extend it with medical care, but just as often their riches actually reduce the supply of it they have, be inducing wrong living, or by causing violence, or attracting danger.

When you waste a day, or a week, you will never recover those hours and days. They have been spent, never to return, and if you have learned nothing in that time, failed to improve yourself in some way, or failed to better your position in life, you lived wastefully in that time.

In spite of all man's inventions, and knowledge, he can still do little with time. Time was the subject which probably fascinated the late Albert Einstein most of all. It brings about life, causes death, makes plants and animals grow, takes care of everything. Time will heal many wounds, will solve most problems.

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The best laid plans in the world will not produce dollars unless they are backed by energy and hard work.

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The young people of the present era, we are happy to report, are doing quite well, despite the fear of the older generation which remembers its childhood.

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If you see but one side of an issue, and think there's only one sensible course of action, you probably need to open your eyes a bit wider, and give your throat a rest.

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The trouble with most democracies is that they have too many citizens who believe that they are entitled to special privileges.

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There are men who are very careful about the oil they put into their automobile engines but rather careless about what they put into their stomachs.

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Winston Churchill advises those who use the English language to use short words, the older the better.

Washington Notes

IRAN BORROWS $47,500,000

The United States has agreed to lend Iran 47.500,000 to finance economic development projects under Iran's second seven-year plan, according to an announcement from the State Department.

PRESIDENT SETS TALK

President Eisenhower will speak briefly on exchange of persons to be held in Washington January 29 by the International Institute of Education and other interested organizations.

CONGRESS GREETS ALASKA

Congress gave, Alaska the forty-ninth State of the Union, a hearty welcome on its opening day, January 7. It also made plans for early consideration of the Territory of Hawaii as the fiftieth.

OPPOSE POSTAL RATE RISE

President Eisenhower's bid for a new postal rate increase this year ran into strong advance opposition in the Senate as Congress convened for the first time in the current session.

The opposition from key Senators on both sides of the Post Office Committee, appeared to make it unlikely that any such increase could be enacted.

FIRST BILL INTRODUCED

The first bill introduced in the new Congress called for a study to determine whether something ought to be done.

The House assigned the number H. R. 1 to a bill introduced by Representative Thomas J. O'Brien, Democrat of Illinois. It called for a study of whether to increase the diversion of water from Lake Michigan into the Illinois Waterway "for navigation and for other purposes."

WHITE HOUSE DENIAL

The White House has proclaimed anew its neutrality in the heated contest that resulted in new Republicans leaders in both the House and Senate.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, denied charges of the retired House leader, Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr. of Massachusetts that White House aids had lent encouragement to the campaign to replace him with Representative Charles A. Halleck of Indiana.

Over on the Senate side the same Presidental neutrality was declared in the struggle for leadership won by Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois over Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky.

ATOM - PLANE INQUIRY DUE

The Congressional Atomic Energy subcommittee on research plans to look into Soviet and United States progress in developing a nuclear plane. Representative Melvin Price, Democrat of Illinois and subcommittee chairman, noted recently that the Russians had, or would soon have, an atomic plane.

INDUSTRAL UNITY URGED

Walter P. Ruther, president of the United Auto Workers, has urged labor and management to resolve their differences and work together to insure the nation's survival.

Mr. Reuther, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, advocated periodic meetings of union and business leaders, educators and Government officials to prevent "hardening attitudes" that would limit cooperation.

He spoke at a conference on science and labor.

ARMY PROTEST . . . . . .

The Army has protested against the substantial support it has to provide the other military services, despite cuts in its manpower and appropriations.

It referred to a variety of services in the field, usually of a logistics and supply nature, which sometimes are compensated for with bookkeeping transfers of appropriated funds.

The Army contends that the support it receives in return from the other services "is not on a par with that furnished by the army."

The Army's complaints were contained in an official newsletter issued by the deputy chief of staff, Lieut. Gen. J. F. Collins, at the Army's Pentagon quarters.

ALIEN LAWS SHIFT BLOCKED

A proposal to give the House Committee on Un-American Activities jurisdiction over immigration and passport bills was killed by Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn.

"We're not going to do that," Speaker Rayburn said, in answer to a question at his first news conference of the Eighty-sixth Congress.

J. F. VAUGHAN ATTENDS MEETING

Mr. J. Franklin Vaughan attended a combined sales and Terminal Managers meeting of Smith Transfer Corporation held at the Ingleside Hotel Resort in Staunton, Va., during the week-end of January 17.

Approximately one hundred sales representatives, Terminal Managers and other key personnel from Ma... Conn., N. Y., N. J., Pa., Md., D. W. Va. and Va. were present. Mr. R. R. Smith, president of company called the meeting to order. Other speakers included W. Fitz Hugh, vice-president of ... M. A. Fitzwater, Supervisor of T... minals; B. C. Grey, director of Sa... ty; L. W. Higgins, Baltimore D... sion; T. C. Kelford, Charleston ... vision; Mr. R. B. Smith, vice-pr... dent of the company, and Mr. R. ... Harrison, vice-president of Traffic.

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Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 19.- Ole Man Winter slipped in the back door and dropped some more unexpected mow last Friday.

The church officers met in the home of their pastor, Rev. W. H. Elder on last Monday night to plan the calendar of activities for the year.

Right many out for the service on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dickerson and family.

Mrs. Carl Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shelton left Friday night for Tennessee, to attend the funeral of the former's brother, who was killed by a fallen tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and girls, of Stuart, were recent visitors here.

Mrs. M. H. Marks and Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson were visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Elsie Perdieu at Charlotte Court House awhile Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and family and Mrs. D. R. Inge last Sunday.

Little Rickie Shelton of Pumplin is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Ramsey at Pamplin Wednesday afternoon awhile.

Mrs. Pete Shelton has a new car.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 20.- Rev. Robert E. Harris, of Pleasant View, spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R .E. Harris.

Mr. J. A. Morris has returned home from the hospital, much improved at this time.

We had a fine group for our study course on a study of the Gospel of Mark.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young were Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and daughter, Barbara Ann, and Jack Caldwell. The occasion was Mr. Young's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette recently.

Mrs. Lawrence Young, and Mrs. Eva Cawthorne, of Lynchburg, were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young last week.

Glad to know that Mrs. Elsie Wooldridge is getting along fine, after having a broken ankle.

Mrs. E. T. Bruce spent last Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh Sunday P. M.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette is spending this week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paulette and family. Mr. Paulette has just returned home from the hospital after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Mrs. Clara Garrett have been on the sick list for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett visited Mrs. Lena Ferguson Sunday P. M., at Hickory Grove.

Mrs. Annie Paulette was luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar and family Sunday.

Colored Dots

Regular preaching services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon, All who attended enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good. Plans were announced for the spring rally. Each leader has been asked to contact all of his friends for a special contribution. The leaders have been asked to use the church for special services during the next three months.

The public is invited to worship at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday at the regular 11:30 service.

The regular meeting of the Carver P.-T. A. will be held at the local high school this Monday at 7 P. M. All patrons are asked to attend and be on time. Let us all come early and stay to the basketball game that will begin at 8 P. M.

The public is invited to attend the regular preaching services at the First Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30. The newly elected pastor, Rev. Garland Thompson, will be in charge.

The senior and junior choirs of the First Baptist Church held their first meeting of the new year last Thursday at 7 P. M. Officers for the year were elected. Plans for the year's program were discussed by each group. All choir members are asked to meet at 6 P. M. each Thursday evening.

Regular evening services will be held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30.

Mr. Raymond Turner, son of Mrs. Jessie Dixon, of Spout Spring, and Miss Annistene Megginson ,daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hezikieh Megginson, of Concord, were married last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing. Relatives of both families witnessed the ceremony. The newly married couple will live in Lynchburg.

The local chapter of N. F. A. held their regular meeting last Monday at activity period, Reports from the committee on banquet were made. The committee recommended that the banquet will be held during the week of National N. F. A. Day. Each boy promised full cooperation. The president, Tim Lawing, presided in a very fine manner. Dues were collected by Robert Hunter. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday in February.

MORE COUNTIES HIRE DOG WARDENS; LICENSES STILL NECESSARY

Four more counties have joined the ranks of those employing special dog wardens since December 23, the Virginia Game Commission reports. The total of 41 counties now enforcing their dog ordinances includes Bedford, Greensville, Mathews and Middlesex. The Game Commission reminds dog owners that this new local plan does not change the law requiring the purchase of 1959 dog licenses prior to February 1, 1959. In counties which have hired dog wardens, however, game wardens now spend full time on wildlife protection.

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